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CAMBODIA

I. Ignominious end of Dap Chhuon, western Cambodian warlord, has for the present brought to an end plots by varied elements against Premier Sihanouk.

A. Dap Chhuon fatally wounded 3 March following his declaration of dissidence.

B. Although plotters had considerable assets in aggregate, they never coalesced.

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III. Deep-seated antagonisms, however, remain both inside and outside Cambodia. President Diem of South Vietnam, in particular, who has low boiling point, is not taking Sihanouk's blasts about Vietnamese complicity lightly and will continue to explore means of undermining him.

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